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## Division of Waste Management Requests Grant Applications for Clean Up of Illegal Dumps

Application Deadline Nov. 1

**Frankfort, Ky.** (Aug. 2, 2013) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet's (EEC) Division of Waste Management is now accepting grant applications for the cleanup of illegal open dumps.

Grant applications will be ranked based on three factors: location of the dump relative to sensitive receptors or protected areas; the relative hazard posed by the contents of the dumps; and, the size of the dump.

In the event that sufficient funds are not available to award every request, grant awards will be prioritized based on these rankings. Grant funding comes from the Kentucky Pride Fund and is underwritten by a \$1.75 per ton fee on municipal solid waste disposed of in Kentucky's contained landfills.

Only county governments are eligible to apply.

"Our Illegal Open Dump Grant Program has been very successful over the years in helping to eliminate unsightly and unhealthy dumps across the Commonwealth. We encourage all counties to take advantage of this great program," said Tony Hatton, director of the Kentucky Division of Waste Management.

Applications must be received by Lisa Evans at the Division of Waste Management by Friday, Nov. 1, 2013 The complete, signed original application and any supporting documentation must be submitted in order for the application to be complete.

Each grant requires a 25 percent local match. Grant application packets are being sent by email to county judge-executives and solid waste coordinators. For more information, contact Lisa Evans by calling 502-564-6716 or by emailing <a href="mailto:lisa.evans@ky.gov">lisa.evans@ky.gov</a>.